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For : SOAP-CONTAINING CLEANSING SUBSTRATE

**ELECTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 6, 2009. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on September 8, 2009 (September 6, 2009 being a Sunday and September 7, 2009 being a Federal Holiday), this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

### **RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 11-20, 24-30, drawn to a composition comprising salts of fatty acid; surfactant; and polysorbate, classified in class 424, subclass 401;
- II. Claims 11-19, 21-22, 24-29, drawn to a composition comprising salts of fatty acid; surfactant; and film formers, classified in class 424, subclass 70.28;
- III. Claims 11-19, 23, 24-29, drawn to a composition comprising salts of fatty acid; surfactant; and etidronic acid, classified in class 424, subclass 70.23.

Additionally, the Examiner requests that a single one of the following species of salts of fatty acids be elected: potassium laurate, potassium myristate, potassium palmitate, potassium stearate, and potassium oleate.

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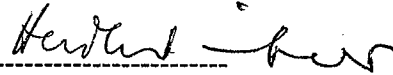
In response to the requirement for restriction and election of species, Applicants elect the invention set forth in **claims 11-20 and 24-30** (the invention of **Group I** as identified in the Restriction Requirement) and **potassium stearate** as species of salts of fatty acids.

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Currently at least claims 11-15, 18-20 and 24-28 read on the elected species.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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